

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. Additionally, Applicant's undersigned representative appreciates the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the teleconference on January 28, 2004.

As of the date of this reply, claims 1-26, 28-32, 38-47, 49-51, 53-57, 61-63, 66-72, 74-78, 84-91, 94-96, 98-102, 106-108, 111-172, 176-180, 190-194, and 202-205 are pending and are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-26, 28-32, 38-47, 49-51, 53-57, 61-63, 66-72, 74-78, 84-91, 94-96, 98-102, 106-108, 111-172, 176-180, 190-194, and 202-205 contain allowable subject matter. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175. Applicant notes that paragraph 6 of the Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration identifies a specific error in accordance with MPEP § 1414.II.

The Examiner also notes that the original patent must be surrendered before the application can be allowed. Accordingly, Applicant encloses herewith original U.S. Patent No. 5,556,414.

Finally, in accordance with MPEP § 601.05, an Application Data Sheet is submitted concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76(a) to correct the spelling of the inventor's first name from "Zoltman" to "Zoltan" and to update the residence and mailing address of the inventor. The corrections in the Application Data Sheet are consistent with the inventor's information provided in the Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration filed concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, Applicant submits that claims 1-26, 28-32, 38-47, 49-51, 53-57, 61-63, 66-72, 74-78, 84-91, 94-96, 98-102, 106-108, 111-172, 176-180, 190-194, and 202-205 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

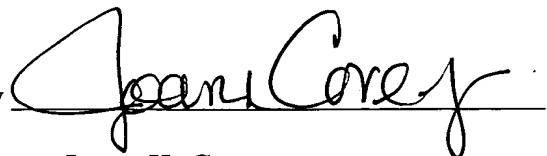
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper

or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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